the Indenting Agencies/Departments including Minisrial level.

(e) No, Sir.

**Discouragement of Import of non-quota garments in USA**

1208. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government's Custom Department has recenly taken steps to discourage the import of non-quota items of garments in USA; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The US Customs Service, from time to time carriages out special checks on shipments imported into USA to verify whether or not the goods imported meet the specific requirements of the various US laws and agreements. In the case of garment exports from India to the USA, there have at various times, been differences in interpretation of the Indo-US Bilateral Textile Agreement between the Indian side on the one hand and the US side on the other. In such circumstances, the US Customs Service, holds up Indian goods at the port of entry. In all cases in the past, these differences have been settled to the satisfaction of the both sides.

**Measures to boost jute exports**

1209 SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take corrective steps with regard to the decline of jute exports in dollar and in rupee terms during the first nine months of 1994-95 as revealed in a background note on textile exports made availabde to the Consultative Committee attached to the Textile Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Government have already taken a number of ameliorative measures to boost the export of jute and jute goods including, inter-alia participating in international fairs, organising buyer-seller meets, liaising with importers and end users, funding R and D activities to develop a new range of diversified jute products to suit consumer preferences, External Market Assistance Scheme, setting of a Naional Centre for Jute Diversification, launching of a UNDP assisted National Jute Development Programme proportionately funded by the Government of India. As a result of these measures, Government expects to achieve its target of US $ 110 million stipulated for the current year.

**राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के प्रबंध निदेशक कार्यालयों का कार्यकरण**

1210. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम (एन.टी.सी.) के अधीन विभिन्न प्रबंध निदेशक कार्यालयों के कार्यान्वयन तथा उनमें व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार के संबंध में कोई शिकायत मिली है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका पिछले दो वर्षों का कार्यालयवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने नवंबर, 1994 तक इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

**वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी)** : (क) से (ग) सचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।